



In tribute to Miss Barton, her Dansville neighbors organized, August 22, 1881, the "Dansville Society of the Red Cross," which now bears her name and is designated as Chapter No. 1.



# AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS

CLARA BARTON CHAPTER NO. 1

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THE HALL OF FAME FOR  
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Mrs. Freda T. Hliddal  
Curator  
The Hall of Fame for Great Americans  
1009 Fifth Avenue  
New York 28, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Hliddal:

It was a relief and a satisfaction to receive your letter of February 11, reassuring us in the matter of possible expense when nominating Clara Barton for the Hall of Fame.

The letter was read, together with your earlier one, at our Chapter meeting last night. Since the way seems to be clear, we shall be very happy to request the nomination forms in the Spring of 1964.

A copy of our first letter to Dr. Sockman was sent to Mr. Truman Solverud, Manager of the Eastern Area, American National Red Cross, at Alexandria, Va., and evidently he passed it along to National Headquarters. An item has been included in the Newsletter for February. You will find it on page 3 of the enclosed copy. Since you were willing to accept our letter as an "informal nomination," probably no harm has been done. For ourselves, we were much pleased to have the implied approval of the national organization, though there seemed to be no necessity of asking for it in advance.

We are sending also two clippings--one from the Genesee Valley Edition of the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle; the other from one of our two local weeklies. You may be interested also in the small folder which the Chapter has available for visitors and for the schools desiring information.

In reading a biography of Clara Barton by Ishbel Ross--Angel of the Battlefield--we came upon a reference to her effort to compile a list of eight women whom she considered worthy of inclusion in the Hall of Fame. This was in 1905. The New York World had requested such a list. (Of course, Miss Anthony was still living, then.) Here are her names: Harriet Beecher Stowe, Lucretia Mott, Frances Dana Gage, Abigail Adams, Mary A. Bickerdyke, Dorothea Dix, Maria Mitchell, and Lucy Stone Blackwell. I believe that Maria Mitchell had already been elected. Mrs. Stowe was chosen later.

[ The Chapter House is a Memorial to Emma Hartman Noyes, a Charter Member of the Chapter. It was her home for many years. In 1949, it was presented to the American Red Cross by her sons and daughter--  
Nicholas H. Noyes, Jansen Noyes, and Katherine F. Noyes. ]



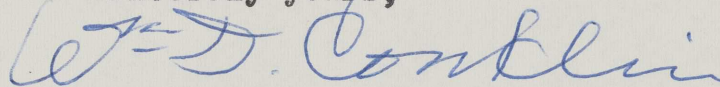
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It is interesting to note that three of these women had been active in Civil War work (Frances Dana Gage, "Mother" Bickerdyke, and Dorothea Dix). Mrs. Gage was a warm personal friend of Miss Barton's, but the others had operated in more distant fields. She mentioned them all, and others, in her long poem, "The Women Who Went to the Field," which served as response to a toast. It made a sensation at a dinner of the Potomac Corps, a branch of the Women's Relief Corps, given in Washington in 1892.

If you have any occasion to look up data on Northern women who served in the Civil War, you will find The Women and the Crisis, by Agatha Young, an excellent reference.

There is no need to acknowledge this letter. Personnel changes/<sup>occur</sup> in an organization like a Red Cross Chapter, but we will hope that there will be no slip in the follow-up of our nominating procedure.

Sincerely yours,



William D. Conklin  
Public Information Chairman

cc: Exec. Sec'y